

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION
SALEM, CONNECTICUT
MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2012

Present

Rich Cirillo
Dave Kennedy
Pam Henry
Peter Lee
Bob Appleby
Sue Spang/Chairperson
Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

Absent

Timothy Allen
Al Giansanti
Jim Burke

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

1. MINUTES:

M/S/C (Kennedy/Henry) to approve the August 20, 2012 minutes as amended.

Vote: Approved Unanimous

Add: 6. Old Business b. Baseball:

Dave Kennedy discussed with the Commission the size and material of the sponsorship signs for the baseball fields. He will bring more information at the next meeting.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT:

None

3. PUBLIC COMMENT/GUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

See 5. New Business a. Dodge Ball

4. ADDITIONS & REVISIONS

M/S/C (Appleby/Cirillo) to add to the agenda and re-letter: b. School Scheduling; c. Zemko Property; d. Parking Lot at Round Hill Road; e. Recreation Clerk Report; f. Tree Lighting.

Vote: Approved unanimously.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Dodge Ball -

Nik Alevras and John Bradford discussed with the Commission information on a dodge ball league. There is a National Dodge Ball Association which has a set of rules that are easy to follow. For example: a hard surface is needed for play, no walls or netting is required; a rubber ball is used & can be held for a certain amount of time; five to six people per court. A referee is recommended to help keep control.

The Commission decided to try Adult Coed (25+) Dodge Ball on Sunday afternoons starting in November through January. The time frame will be 4:00 to 6:00pm depending gym use. Waivers will have to be signed by participants and sign in before play. Knee and elbow pads will be recommended. A first aid kit will be provided for the league.

b. School Scheduling

S. Spang asked B. Appleby to submit the room use forms to the school. The school is requesting the forms so the part time janitor can be hired. The start date will be October 27 (Recreation pays for the janitor for the Book Sale) and the end date will be April 20, 2013.

c. Zemko Property

The Town is researching buying the Zemko property at 228 Hartford Road for \$660,000.00. S. Spang thought the Recreation Commission should support the purchase; storage for equipment could be at the property.

d. Parking Lot at Round Hill Road

The shrubs will be removed and the stone wall will be fixed to close up the openings. The area where the shrubs will be removed will be seeded and the area will have picnic tables for use. The parking lot will start to be worked on by Public Works.

e. Recreation Clerk Report

“Day on Your Own” or Spiderman NYC bus trip will be September 29; D. Weston asked members to please help spread the word.

After school programs (Zentangles, Hip Hop & Filmmaking) will be offered.

f. Tree Lighting

P. Henry put together a song listing for the sing-a-long. She will format the songs in a booklet form. D. Weston will print the booklets. The Tree Lighting will be on Sunday December 2, 2013 at 4:00pm. S. Spang asked about the “8th grade elves”; P. Henry will contact Lisa Bernier about the help.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Forsyth Road

The driveway will be a spring project. The bill for the electric hook-up for the shed will be paid from soccer's payment from the Commission.

b. Baseball

D. Kennedy reported fall ball has started. There is a rookie fall ball team this year. They are playing a rookie team from Bozrah.

Fall Ball consists of minor & major league teams as well as some 14-15 yr. olds which are playing on Colchester teams.

Elections will be held in October. Roland Traylor has expressed interest to take over as Baseball Commissioner when Al Giansanti steps down; Bob Banker will stay on as

A sample of the sign material was presented. Size of the sign was discussed; the Commission thought 3' by 4' would be the right size.

c. Soccer –

The fall program has started. There are approximately 70 children in the program.

d. Basketball – S. Spang will contact Chris Pugliese to speak with him about the basketball program; sign ups should be taking place now for Saturday Rec ball.

e. Tennis – No report.

f. Multi-purpose Path – S. Spang asked D. Kennedy to check with the boy scouts to see if they want to do the project of sand painting on the boardwalk.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

(Taken out of order)

The Commission discussed the roughness of play during adult volleyball and basketball.

A statement for adult activities will be posted during the events. It will have statements concerning responsibilities and sportsmanship, facility use, unsupervised children, etc. R. Cirillo will have a statement for review at the October meeting.

It was discussed for other Sunday use of the gym time. Badminton (16+) will be tried; the Rec Commission will purchase equipment.

The water at the Round Hill Road Complex will be turned off the second week of November. P. Henry believes the school will use the field up until that time.

8. FUTURE ACTION ITEMS

- a. Dodge Ball – See Public Comment**

9. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C (Appleby/Cirillo) to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 PM. Vote: approved unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by
Diane Weston
Recording Secretary